

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**February 4, 2021 – 5:00 PM**

**Lincoln Town Hall, Lincoln, NH**

**(approved)**

**(THE RECORDING OF THIS MEETING CAN BE FOUND ON YOUTUBE)**

**ATTENDING:** Chairman Mike Simons, Vice-Chairman Herb Gardner, Jack Daly, Cindy Lloyd, Tracey Brumlik, Susan Chenard, Jim Spanos, Paul Beaudin, Dennis Ducharme, Ray D'Amante, Selectperson Jayne Ludwig, Lutz Wallem, Al Poulin  
Audience: Town Manager Butch Burbank, Finance Officer Johnna Hart, Fire Chief Ron Beard, Selectperson Tamra Ham, O.J. Robinson, Police Chief Chad Morris, David Beaudin, Jayne Leslie, Chet Yacek

**Call to order: 6:17**

**PUBLIC HEARING OPENED:** Mike states that there is a 3-minutes limit on each person from the public that would like to speak.

David Beaudin asks the Budget Committee to reconsider their no vote on putting water meters on the ballot so that the town is given the opportunity to vote on it themselves. He states that the water committee spent 2 years and over \$100,000 is studies looking into this issue. He also states that 100,000 gallons a day was saved last summer during the mandatory water ban. The \$100 flat rate would mean we are paying twice since it doesn't cover the cost of water and no money would come out of our taxes.

David also spoke about the extra position being added ½ time with public works and ½ time with the fire department. He states that Public Works does not need another person and it should only be taken out of the fire department budget.

Mike asks David if the **Lagarre Land** deal would ever be reconsidered. David states not for the purpose they wanted it for since the report was inaccurate. The volume of water was not there and due to the contaminates that were in it.

Mike states that the BOS can still put the water meter bond on the ballot even if the Budget Committee doesn't recommend it. David states that the town seems to be more favorable to issues when both boards, BOS and Budget Committee, recommend it.

**Motion to recommend the budget in the amount of \$8,219,950:** Jim, Second, Ray

Discussion: Cindy states that based on all the discussions we've had, we reconsider and put

the bond for the water meters back in the budget. Dennis also would like to see it back on the warrant articles. Paul states that we do not have to recommend it for it to be on the ballot. Paul states he would support water meters, but not with how we are currently going to be charged. Dennis does not like the water rate either, but we need to start somewhere. Mike wants to let the town tell us what they want.

Tracey asks to move the question. For: 11 Opposed: 0 Question is moved.

**We now go to a vote on Jim’s motion of recommending the budget in the amount of \$8,219,950:** For: 6 Opposed: 6  
Motion is tied, so the motion fails and we move back into discussion.

**Motion to recommend the budget in the amount of \$9,824,950:** Dennis Second: Ray  
Discussion: Cindy states that this means that we recommend the water meters.  
For: 7 Opposed: 5 Motion carries

**Other Business:**

Jayne Ludwig states she will not run again for Town Selectmen. She is thanked for her service.

**MOTION: “To adjourn the meeting.”**

Motion: Tracey Second: Dennis

Discussion: **Motions to accept and recommend the revenues in the amount of \$3,220,024:** Paul, Second: Dennis For: 11 Opposed: 0 Motion carries unanimously

Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting is cancelled.

Johnna states she will get all the documents prepared, will let Mike know and he can email the members that it is at Town Hall ready for us to sign.

Motion to adjourn carries unanimously

The meeting adjourns at 6:53

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Chairman Mike Simons

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Date: